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REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered the final Office Action dated February 4, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated July 12, 2004. Applicants have amended the application in order to delete any finally rejected claims and rewrite claims which were determined to contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the presented claims is allowable, and entry of this Amendment and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Advisory Action indicates that newly presented or amended Claims 1, 3-15 and 17-20 would be allowable if submitted in a separate timely filed Amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Applicants note that independent Claims 22 and 23 were deemed allowable in the final Office Action of February 4, 2004. Accordingly, these claims should also be deemed allowed.

In addition, on page 7 of the final Office Action the Examiner indicated that both Claims 8 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have added new Claim 26 which includes each of the elements set forth in Claims 1 and 8. Applicants have further added new Claim 27, which includes each of the elements set forth in Claims 1 and 24. Applicants submit that due to the indication of allowable subject matter, Claims 26 and 27 are allowable.

In addition, Claim 24 depends from Claim 1 which has been deemed allowable. Therefore, Claim 24 is at least through its dependency on Claim 1 is also allowable.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 3-15, 17-20, 22-24, 26 and 27 are claims which have all been found to be allowable in this case. In this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled rejected Claims 28-30 without prejudice. Since only allowable claims are now presented, Applicants request entry of this Amendment and allowance of this application.

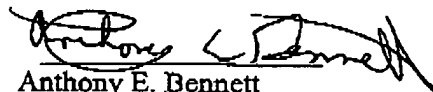
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Furthermore, Applicants submit that none of the basis for non-entry of the Amendment set forth in MPEP §714.13 (III) apply in this case. Each of the claims have been deemed allowable and they do not present new matter. Since they have been deemed allowed, the claims do not require any additional consideration or search, and Applicants have not presented additional claims without canceling any final or rejected claims. In the present case, finally rejected claims 28-30 have been cancelled. This Amendment presents claims which have been deemed allowed by the Examiner and also rewrites claims in independent form in a manner suggested by the Examiner in the final Office Action.

In that of each of the claims remaining in this case have been deemed to be allowable, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application with Claims, 1, 3-15, 17-20, 22-24 and 26-27.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful in moving this case towards allowance, she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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